

Appn. No. 09/833,017
Amendment/Reply Dated November 4, 2004
Reply to Office Action of September 3, 2004

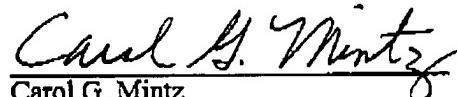
REMARKS/ARGUMENT

Applicants acknowledge receipt of the Office Action dated September 3, 2004 in which claims 23, 24, 26 and 42 are allowed. Claims 1-22, 25, 27-41 and 43-66 have been canceled without prejudice to their being reasserted, at Applicants' option, in a continuing application. Claims 23, 24, 26 and 42 are pending.

Applicants respectfully request entry of the amendment to the Specification regarding notice of federally sponsored research. This amendment does not affect the disclosure, its entry is merely a ministerial act which does not require reconsideration of the merits of the application.

This amendment and response is believed to be a full and complete reply to the Office Action dated September 3, 2004. If any item in the Office Action has been overlooked or is deemed to be incompletely addressed, Applicants respectfully request the opportunity to respond. Applicants believe that no extension of time is necessary for this paper to be deemed timely filed. If a petition for extension of time is necessary in order for this paper to be deemed timely filed, please consider this a petition therefor. If any fee is due as a result of the filing of this paper please appropriately charge such fee to Deposit Account Number 03-2769 of Conley Rose, P.C., Houston, Texas.

Respectfully submitted,


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